

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 106, 109, 112-120, 125-126, 129-130, 133-134, 137-138, 141-142, 145-146, 149-150, 153-154, 157-158, 161-163, and 166-175 are currently pending. Claims 1-105, 107-108, 110-111, 121-124, 127-128, 131-132, 135-136, 139-140, 143-144, 147-148, 151-152, 155-156, 159-160, and 164-165 are cancelled. Claims 106, 109, 112-113, 118-119, 129-130, 133-134, 153-154, 157-158, 163, 166-168, and 173-174 are currently amended. No new matter is added.

Examiner's Amendment

Applicant has adopted, in slightly modified form, the amendments proposed by the Examiner in the Office communication of November 6, 2009. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestions for making the claims allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 125, 126, 129, 130, 133, 134, 137, 138, 141, 142, 145, 146, 149, 150, 153, 154, 157, 158, 161, and 162 are allowable. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's recognition of the allowability of these claims but respectfully submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 106-109, 112-120, and 163-175 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. However, in view of the amendments submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now allowable and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below should any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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